

RECREATIONAL BILLFISH SURVEY

Cumulative total tournament landings (i.e. boated billfish) for Atlantic blue marlin, white marlin and sailfish caught during the fishing year beginning June 1, 2002 and ending May 31, 2003. Billfish landings from tournaments in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Atlantic, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico are included, as well as the Bahamas. Data from the Bahamas are included because most participants in Bahamian billfish tournaments are U.S. citizens using U.S. flagged vessels. These data are preliminary and will be updated at the end of every month based on new information submitted by tournament respondents.

2002	Blue Marlin	White Marlin	Sailfish
June	30	0	1
July	10	0	3
August	21	23	6
September	6	10	0
October	0	0	1
November	0	0	2
December	0	0	0
2003			
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	4	0	0
May	20	0	2
Total	91	33	15

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